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Steven R. Koltai currently serves as Senior Advisor for Entrepreneurship at the State Department, and is responsible for designing and implementing the Administration's interagency initiative to promote and support entrepreneurs around the world – the Global Entrepreneurship Program. Mr. Koltai comes to this position from over 30 years' experience in international finance, strategic planning and entrepreneurship gained in the banking, entertainment and Internet industries.

Mr. Koltai's longest single employment was at Warner Bros in Burbank, California, where over nine years, he served as the Studio's first SVP of Strategy and Corporate Development, a member of and for 3 years, chair of, the Studio's three person operating committee, and in 1993, founder and first General Manager of Warner Bros Interactive Entertainment and Warner Bros. Online.

Mr. Koltai served as co-founder of Europe's largest private television satellite company, SES/Astra. His second entrepreneurial effort was as founder and CEO of an online event registration and management company, Event411.

He has also served in various capacities at the Export-import Bank of the United States, McKinsey & Company, Salomon Bros. and Bankers Trust, and the Council on Foreign Relations in 1985.

Mr. Koltai received a BA from Tufts University, an MA from Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and was a Fulbright scholar at University Libre de Bruxelles. He was born in Budapest, Hungary, escaping with his family during the Hungarian Revolution in 1956. He was raised in Los Angeles, California, spending high school years in Kansas City, Missouri. He and his partner Ivan Zizek live in Lincolnville, Maine, Los Angeles, California and Washington, DC. Koltai has two sons.

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